



Frequently Asked Questions:

What is LawMaker?

Have an idea on how to make your city, state, or country better? The LawMaker platform was designed to let all Americans propose ideas for new laws, build coalitions, and use technology to engage their government to drive change from the grassroots up. LawMaker is entirely free and non-partisan.

Why is Kansas City working with LawMaker?

Kansas City was looking for a way to engage a broader and more diverse set of residents for civic discussions. LawMaker was designed to do exactly this. We decided to enter into this pilot program together to see if a free and transparent technology platform focused on crowdsourcing the best ideas in public policy could help Kansas City solicit input from as many of their residents as possible.

Why does LawMaker need my real name and address?

LawMaker was designed to ensure a fair political engagement process. This means that all participants must be real people, that each person can only vote once, and that each vote is communicated to the right elected officials. To verify this, we need your real name and your voter registration address. If you are not registered to vote, we will send a postcard to where you receive mail to confirm you are a real person and the political district most relevant to you. This information is important to ensure a fair political process. None of your information is ever sold or divulged to any external parties for marketing, sales, or other purposes beyond verification.

What is the benefit of this policy challenge?

The Kansas City policy challenge is being sponsored by Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas. Mayor Lucas is seeking resident input on the important topic of pandemic response and preparedness, and has committed to taking substantive political action on the top performing policies in each challenge category. If you want your voice heard and your experiences during this pandemic acknowledged by your government, this Challenge gives you the opportunity to spark a change for a stronger future for Kansas City.

What does “in jurisdiction” mean?

Elected officials and government need to focus on their residents. “In jurisdiction” votes are votes that come from within a LawMaker Challenge’s boundaries – in this case, the city boundaries of Kansas City, Missouri. If your LawMaker account is registered under an address within Kansas City, your votes will be considered “in jurisdiction” for this challenge. However, for a policy in Fresno, CA, your votes will be considered “out of jurisdiction.”

What is LawMaker doing with my data?

LawMaker does not monetize user data for any purpose or share it with any third parties.

Will LawMaker sell or give my data to anyone? Will I get any mail or SPAM?

No, LawMaker does not sell or give user data to any other parties. Neither LawMaker, nor third parties, will be sending you any unsolicited messages. The only emails you will receive from LawMaker will be updates regarding the platform or policies you have voted upon.